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## **BAPCHULE MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER**

PHOENIX – On January 25, 2007, Roberto Fabela, 19, of Bapchule, Ariz. was sentenced to 20 years in prison by U.S. District Judge Mary H. Murguia. Fabela had pleaded guilty to Attempted Murder and Use of a Firearm in a Crime of Violence.

Fabela was one of a group of six individuals who on January 14, 2005, kidnaped two juvenile males, ages 16 and 17, and took them to remote areas of the desert. Co-defendant, Lorenzo Lizarraga, previously sentenced to 15 years prison, shot one victim in the head while the group was in the town of Maricopa. The group threw the victim's body over a bridge, leaving him for dead. The second victim was thereafter driven to the Gila River Indian Reservation where defendant Fabela shot him in the head and left him for dead. Both victims lived and reported the case to authorities.

Other participants in the offense pleaded guilty to their involvement. Scott Kelley and David Moroyoque, both of Sacaton, Ariz., previously received sentences of 7 years each. Mitchell Jack previously received a sentence of 10 years. A sixth defendant is still pending trial.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Gila River Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigations. The prosecution was handled by Sharon K. Sexton, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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